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More signs of spring-the thickening base ball talk.

If expedition of business is wanted, all the sessions of the senate should be extra sessions.

On the succession to the office of district attorney Senator Millard is paired with his colleague, Senator Dietrich.

President Roosevelt will spend one Sunday in Nebraska. He will find he is in God's own country on God's own day.

With northern capital fast developing consume the rice here.

President Francis of the St. Louis ex-Atlantic now and then.

however, for everyone to keep a close eye on it at every stage. The tricks of the lobby are numerous and nimble.

March railroad earnings were 14.6 per cent greater than for the same month of 1902. But the railroads are still too poor likely to cause some resentment on the to pay taxes on their property on the same basis as other property owners.

Those Michigan university students who sheared half the head of the toastmaster of the freshman banquet must be preparing for a business career among the launds of the stock exchange.

A few more fines of \$5,000 aplece levied on the great meat packing houses for violating anti-trust laws, as imposed in Missouri, and we may look to see the price of beefsteak breaking the high-vaulting record.

Susan B. Anthony is still on deck as the leader of the woman suffragists in their annual national convention at New Orleans. Even the most confirmed opponents of woman suffrage will concede to her the place of the grand old woman of the movement for the emancipation of the sex.

According to Governor Garvin of Rhode Island the average price of votes this low-water mark.

If the example of the Missouri legisa constitutional amendment compelling the railroads to carry public officials some sinceure state office created specially for the purpose with no other emolument but the honor.

old letter purporting to prove conclupire state. The double-barreled quest teen armored cruisers, besides other war tion suggests itself Was Parker try. vessels. ing to fool Hill then or is he trying to fool Bryan now?

in by the operators, as it is presumed safety for all the vast outlying British subject to settlement, entry and acquisiit will be, will improve conditions in empire. The power of Great Britain tion by qualified persons who in good faith the anthracite region and perhaps avert being wholly in its navy, that cannot in future such conflicts as that of last be permitted to deteriorate. year. The commission finds in favor

duction in time, deciding in these reminers. There is no doubt that in this a very large number of employes excespropriety and justice of this cannot within the last few years. reasonably be questioned.

The commission recommends arbitration of any difficulty or disagreement arising under its award and suggests a \$125,000 to be expended in advertising plan for this that ought to be accept- the resources of the Sunflower state at able to both parties. This contemplates the St. Louis fair, and some people can-the reclamation of arid lands," approved a board of conciliation consisting of not comprehend why Nebraska should three representatives of the miners and not do likewise. Nebraska is not in three of the operators. If these fail to condition to expend \$125,000, or one-half agree the matter of disagreement shall of that sum for the big St. Louis show. be referred to an umpire to be appremises. This also is a proposition that should be acceptable to both parthat pending the adjudication of any 31,520 matter before it there shall be no sus- fact Nebraska would not be justified in section of the state. The bill embodies pension of work by lockout or strike.

in regard to a sliding scale of wages, coal in specified markets and determined by an accountant or commissioner named by one of the circuit judges of States. Not the least interesting and significant clause in the report is this: "No person shall be refused employnon-membership in any labor organization against or interference with any will require that on the one hand operators shall not refuse work to men be- braska climate. cause they are members of the miners' union miners shall not interfere with tions for expositions are absorbed by to 100,000,000 acres. nonunion workers. The principle em- ple-biters, their families and near relathe rice industry in Texas, we will braced in this will doubtless be quite tives, and barnacles that subsist on plaints are reaching the authorities at to \$1,305,164,072, an increase of 64 per cent Chicago may be right when he says that a eventually have to export rice to China generally recognized as sound, but it fairs at the public expense. The Bee Washington in regard to the proposed in five years. These figures are striking great social revolution is impending. But if we cannot import the Chinamen to cannot be confidently predicted that it does not, however, contend that Ne- plans of irrigation work. This was to evidences of prosperity. operators or the miners.

The revenue bill has moved up from support in this country, both employers the house to the senate. It will be well, and organized labor being with practical unanimity opposed to it. The statement that the constitution of the United Mine Workers of America "does not present the most inviting inducements to the operators to enter into contract relations with it" is very part of that organization, but it should suggest to it the expediency of making some changes in that instrument. In regard to the conditions of the mine workers the report says that they do not justify, "to their full extent," the adverse criticisms made by their representatives and that the average daily rate of earnings in the anthracite regions does not compare unfavorably with that in other industries. That portion of the report which deals with the relation of employer and employed and speaks for the independence of nonunion labor is especially interesting. It will not be questioned that the inquiry made by the commission was most thorough and we think it will be very generally admitted that it has been impartial in its conclusions. If Its recommendations are heeded there should be prolonged peace in the anthracite coal region.

PROGRESS OF NAVAL ARMAMENT.

The effort of the emperor of Russia in towns in that state where there is no to induce the nations to curtail their expenditures for naval and military fully slow election in Rhode Island armament has not only been unheeded, when they can't manage to work up a but there is being a steady increase in contest that will force prices up over the building up of the sea power of the great nations and there is no promise of abatement in this direction in the near future. Great Britain was never lators becomes contagious in submitting more progressive in this respect than at present. The navy estimates of that country for the ensuing year provide for free, the favorite way to connect with an expenditure of over \$179,000,000 and a railway pass will be by getting into in explaining this the admiralty secretary said that while the estimates were upparalleled in time of peace or war, the great competition and rivalry in the matter of naval armaments con-The worst thing brought up against tinued to make this enormous and un-Judge Parker is the resurrection of an productive expenditure necessary. By the beginning of next month there will sively that he voted for Bryan in 1806, be under construction for the British Bryan evidently was not aware that he navy the total of seventy-one vessels, had such eminent support in the Em- including eleven battleships and nine-

It is not difficult to understand why Great Britain is making this enormous for live stock grazing purposes and are not Kansas City happens to be having a the general policy of the maritime nalittle bout with the telephone company tions of Europe in this particular. All there for lower rates, although the Kan- of them are most actively engaged in sas City tariff is really lower than that strengthening their navies and Great of Omaha. With half again as many Britain cannot lag behind. Indeed it 'phones in the exchange, the Kansas has become a settled conviction in Eng-City companies' highest charge is 96 a land that that power must not only be year, as against 90 in Omaha, while its equal on the sea to the next two stronglowest charge for party line service is est naval nations, but to any three of about the same as in this city. If Kan- them. With Germany, France and Russas City is entitled to a reduction of sia pushing forward in this direction it

strike commission is on the whole fa- standard that will not only insure provorable to the miners and if acquiesced tection of the United Kingdom, but notwithstanding the lease, continue to be

sections 2289, 2290, 2291, 2304, 2307 of the This growth in naval armament seems of an increase of wages and some re- likely to go on indefinitely, for it is revised statutes of the United States. quite impossible to foresee a limit to spects in favor of the contention of the the competition and rivalry in this respect between the great powers of the be required to agree in writing, that he will just. The evidence presented proved the United States in this regard? When in any manner, directly or indirectly, vioconclusively that the miners are en- this country shall have completed the titled to better compensation than they navy for which provision has already had been receiving, while as to the been made it will rank fourth among February 25, 1885. hours of labor they were in respect to the naval powers. The question whether that is a safe position is one for serisive. This was not the case with all ous consideration, in view of the greatly of them, but the aim of the commis- enlarged interests and responsibilities terior, as follows: One-fourth shall be paid sion is to equalize the work and the which have come to the United States

NEBRASKA AT THE EXPOSITION.

The Kansas legislature has voted Nebraska is more than two millions in pointed by a judge of the Third judicial debt, while Kansas is practically out of thereon and to determine whether a system people never get enough of anything. circuit of the United States, whose de- debt. Nebraska has quite recently adcision shall be final and binding in the vertised its resources very extensively rated and maintained. through an exposition of its own and would not be justified in taxing its peoties. It is suggested that this board ple \$125,000 for exposition advertising interests of the people of Nebraska or never been guilty of making a "straight shall at all times be kept complete and even if it had positive assurance that detrimental to the homeseekers who front." it would be a paying investment. In following the example of Kansas even all reasonable safeguards against land Another important recommendation is if it had money to burn.

The great majority, if not two-thirds, to be regulated by the price charged for of the attendance at the Louisiana Pur- mation of arid lands by irrigation. It own congress, we are spared. chase exposition will be drawn from the seems to us that even at this late day region commercially tributary to St. it would not be inappropriate for the Louis-Texas, Arkansas, Okiahoma and legislature to rescind its action and rethe Third judicial circuit of the United Missouri. There is no immediate or re- verse its course with regard to the Dietmote prospect of migration from those rich land lease bill. states to Nebraska, and for that matter very poor prospect for any considerable ment or in any way discriminated number of people from that section miagainst on account of membership or grating to Kansas. Nebraska must in have been approved by the Interior detion, and there shall be no discrimina- population from New England, New elaboration of plans and the preparaemploye who is not a member of any Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and the counlabor organization by members of such tries on the other side of the Atlantic. organization." The acceptance of this The people hailing from those states are orado. Montana, Nevada and Wyoming The payments to policy holders were very

Costly experience has taught Ne-

which is superfluous. In the adoption of the concurrent resolution petitioning congress against the passage of the Dietrich land lease bill. the legislature has unconsciously made

a deplorable mistake. The original land lease bill, known as the "Bowersock bill," was doubtless framed up in calculated to create land monopoly in its worst form.

The Bowersock bill embraced in its Leases of such lands were not to be subject to competitive bids, but a uniform rental of 2 cents per acre per annum was to be exacted from the lessees. All leases were to run ten years, with term of ten years, the first lessee having the preference for such second term, which was tantamount to a twenty-

framed on lines that would overcome the house committee on public lands. pion of the western homesteader.

It was an unfortunate circumstance the antagonism which this measure encountered would have taken the form of Dietrich bill is as follows:

America in congress assembled.

That the secretary of the interior hereby authorized, in his discretion, to terms, with such restrictions, in such quantities, not exceeding twenty sections in any single lease, and for such time, not exlands within the state of Nebraska as are in their natural condition valuable only capable of irrigation. Not more than one lease shall be, directly or indirectly, made to or held by the same person, and no lease shall be transferable, except with the approval of the secretary of the interior. So far as practicable, actual and bona fide homestead settlers and owners of private being too laxly enforced. The children adjoining public lands, and where two or more such homestead settlers or private owners are desirous of leasing the same adjoining public lands, the latter shall be equitably apportioned among them. So long as any lessee fully complies with the terms of his lease, but not beyond the term

COAL STRIKE COMMISSION'S REPORT. | quires that there shall be no abstement close the land embraced in his lease and the schools the board is not responsible The report of the anthracite coal of effort to keep its sea power up to a shall be entitled to the exclusive use but it owes it to the public to see to it but the lands embraced in any lease shall, go upon such lands for the purpose of making actual settlement and maintaining actual residence thereon, as is required by

Every lessee and every transferee of any lease shall, as a condition precedent to obtaining or holding such lease or transfer, the commission is entirely fair and world. What must be the position of not, during the continuance of the lease, late any of the provisions of the act of congress entitled, "An act to prevent unlawful occupancy of the public lands," approved

The rentals of lands lease hereon, after deducting the expenses of administering this act, shall be annually disposed of, under the direction of the secretary of the into the state of Nebraska, one-fourth shall the treasury of the United States to the reclamation fund established under an act of congress entitled, "An act appropriating the receipts from the sale and disposal of public lands in certain states and territories to the construction of irrigation works for

June 17, 1902. The purpose of this act is to provide for the economic use of public lands in the state of Nebraska which are adapted only to grazing purposes; to encourage the imof leasing public lands of this character may be justly and advantageously inaugu-

The enactment of such a law could not possibly have been injurious to the might desire to locate in the semi-arid monopoly. Its enactment would assist materially in the much-desired recla-

IRRIGATION WORK.

Five projects for artificial irrigation the future as in the past re-enforce its partment and orders issued for the York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana, tion of everything required for actual operations. These projects are scattered through the states of Arizona, Colgenerally hardy and adapted to the Ne- and it is estimated that their cost will nearly \$200,000,000, and the total amount be \$7,000,000. Predictions as to the amount of land that will be improved organization and that on the other hand braska that one-half of the appropria- by them vary, running from 20,000,000 ave years the amount of life insurance

It is not surprising to hear that comwill prove satisfactory to either the braska should be unrepresented at the have been expected, because each lo-St. Louis exposition. As one of the cality naturally desires to receive first states within the territory that consti- attention. A Washington dispatch says position will now have to send abroad cided position against compulsory arbi- tuted the Louisiana purchase it is in that the cry has gone up from thousfor a few crowned heads to enable him tration and in this it is in accord with honor bound to make a creditable ex- ands of western farmers that the irrito enjoy a dinner on this side of the general public sentiment. It is a well hibit of its resources side by side with gation funds are being used for the established fact that the principle of the other states in the Mississippi val- benefit of land in which certain United thing is to be cheerful under disadvancompulsory arbitration has very little ley. Such an exhibit can be made with States senators are interested. It is tageous circumstances. If one has lost care very much about officiating at funeral an appropriation of \$25,000, omitting, of needless to say that there is no evicourse, the erection of a state building, dence in support of this charge, which it is safe to say is entirely unwarranted. The prosecution of irrigation work, THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD RESCIND. there is every reason to believe, will be carried on under the present administration impartially and with a view to the best results, and it is safe to discredit all reports to the contrary.

> The constitution of the United States lodges the treaty-making power in the the interest of the cattle barons and president, subject to the concurrence of two-thirds of the senate, while it places the law-making power with con- in small matters, we shall have less diffigress subject to approval of the presiscope all vacant public lands west of dent. The constitution goes further and the 100th meridian to the Pacific coast. places certain limitations on the various parties to the making of laws, the principal one being that revenue measures must originate in the lower house, and it also makes treaties as binding as any law of the land. But where the treaty the privilege of renewal for a second making power stops or crosses into the realm of the law-making power is no where defined and the margin where the two are apt to conflict is so broad that the only wonder is we have not The Dietrich bill was carefully had more serious controversies over it. The last striking example was when the objections raised against the Bow- Hawaii was annexed by majority vote ersock bill and was fully concurred in of the two houses after an annexation by Congressman Lacey, chairman of treaty had been unable to muster the who had made the public land laws a now we see the Cuban treaty, although life study, and is a recognized cham- ratifled by an overwhelming majority, made to wait upon legislation of both houses, first to delay its enforcement, that Governor Mickey was not in pos- and second, to shift part of the responsession of the full text of the Dietrich sibility on the representatives in the bill when he sent his special message house. If the house were opposed to a condemning this measure to the legisla- treaty, this would be an effectual way

ture. It is exceedingly doubtful whether of hanging it up in the air indefinitely. The new 2-cent adhesive postage a legislative remonstrance to congress stamp bearing a portrait of Washington had its provisions and the conditions that had to be labeled for identification under which it had been introduced been drew upon it a downpour of expletives fully understood. The full text of the as soon as it showed its head, but the adhesive stamp proves to be a work of Be in enacted by the senate and house of art beside the new stamped envelope representatives of the United States of of the 2-cent denomination that has now made its appearance. The embossed imprint on the envelope for the lease for live stock grazing purposes, for first time gets away from the customary such advance annual rental, upon such oval and is encased in a rectangular frame with rounded corners while the bust of Washington has flutings around ceeding a period of ten years, as to him the back of the neck resembling the shall seem reasonable, such of the public rough side of a wash board. If Washington is to remain first in the hearts of his countrymen these new postal pictures will have to be called in

The school board's rule against the use of the public schools to promote projects of a private character is again lands shall have a preference in leasing the in the public schools should be protected not only against forced contributions, but also against impressment in money-making entertainments without regard to the worthiness of the cause in whose name they are undertaken. For telephone rates Omaha certainly is also. is manifest that British security re- for which the lease is given, he may in- what is done by promoters outside of privilege.

that the schools are not used in any way to bolster up private ventures.

J. Pierpont Morgan expresses himself as decidedly dissatisfied with the tariff per cent on foreign works of art which he has purchased. On the other hand, some other tariff schedules are doubt less collecting for him more money than the duties of his art collection would put into the national treasury The government might call it an offset if he prefers it by that name.

One of the visiting delegates to the dressmakers' convention at Chicago declared that Chicago women have fig ures more symmetrical, graceful and beautiful than those possessed by the women of any other city in America. be paid to the county in which the leased Just when this form expert contemland lies, and one-half shall be credited in plates locating in Chicago is not stated.

An Odious Comparison.

Philadelphia Ledger. Some' people are inclined to place no more faith in the czar's proclamation than in a platform adopted by one of our national conventions.

> Shelving the Bombs, Brooklyn Eagle.

The grant of increased liberty in Russia will check bomb throwing till the realizaprovement, use and protection of the grass tion of still greater liberty arrives. Some A Doubting Thomas.

> Chicago Post. Still we hesitate to take as fresh news the statement of the dressmakers that "figures are made, not born." Nature has

Let Us Be Thankful, Baltimore American

When one reads of flerce battles over theological bills in the British Parliament, one utters a thanksgiving that there are some things, at least, which, in our

> Flight of a Carpetbagger. Washington Post.

The Hawaiian commissioner of agriculure and forestry has departed for an unknown destination and left a deficit in his accounts. Since the completion of the Pacific cable we have been able to get a great many fresh items of this sort.

Striking Evidence of Prosperity.

Philadelphia Record. A summary of the life insurance companies in the United States prepared by The Spectator, shows assets on January ! aggregating \$2,100,138,473-nn increase for the year of \$187,778,198-and the surplus over all liabilities amounted to \$295,629,768. of insurance in force was not much less than \$9,000,000,000, an increase of nearly \$1,000,000,000 during the year. In the last dist church next Sunday evening Rev. Frank in force has increased 53 per cent. These figures relate to ordinary business. Industrial insurance in force January 1 amounted

KEEP A CHEERFUL MIND.

Milwaukee Journal. To be cheerful when the world is going well with you is to great writte. The money, if business prospects fall, if enemies appear triumphant, if there is sickness of self or those dear to one, then is it indeed a virtue to be cheerful. When poverty pinches day after day, month after month or through the years as they pass and one has ever to deny self of every little longed-for luxury, and the puzzle of how to make one dollar do the work for two has to be solved, then the man who can still be cheerful is a here. He is a greater hero than the soldier who faces the cannon's mouth. Such cheerfulness ir

the kind that we need to cultivate. To acquire this self-command, we need to think of many things. We need to guard against giving way to irritation about little things. If we can maintain self-control culty in maintaining it when great matters are to be met. If we meet with irreparable losses we must readjust our lives to fit the new conditions. There is no great evil so bad but that it might have been worse. Let us congratulate ourselves that the worst is not yet! There is truth in the Though it may for a time look so dark we can see no glint of the silver, yet we know it is there.

SWEET BOON OF WORK.

Ideal Conditions Barely Experienced by the Multityde. Indianapolis News President Eliot of Harvard, who recently

since had his opinions enthusiastically supported by Bishop Potter. The bishop regards labor as a sweet boon, and in ad- cuss family affairs. dressing an audience of working women the recognize the great privilege of toll," adding, "Happy nation, happy men remarks from such men can really have the motive admirable. but little influence on the people who do work as men and women do whose daily bread depends upon their constant toll, and. therefore, their sense of work's blessedness is not likely to be appreciated by the multitude of tollers. Few persons who labor complain of their toil because it is toil; they accept it as a matter of course, as a part of what life deals out to them. If they are unable to feel the bishop's enthustanm it is because they are not free to vary their work, they are tied to it year in and year out; they cannot escape from it except at the risk of pinching poverty to themselves and their families. There are no summer vacations for them, so trips south in winter, no tours of Europe, no running away to springs or seashore "for a little rest." President Ellot may work sixteen hours a day, as he says, but he does not do it of necessity 300 days in the year. Nor does Bishop Potter. When either of them is worn or weary, he calls a halt and recuperates. It is the ability to do this, the certainty that they can do this without loss to themselves or others, that causes the work they like to seem so blessed. It is this lack of freedom to move about and to enjoy repose when repose would be welcome, this necessity of working when work

is a burden, that is the chief sting of pov-

erty, and nothing the volunteer worker, as

he might be called, may say to the toller

from necessity can alter this fact or make

unremitting labor seem a joy and

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than a prescription will cure. The true reformer not only destroys the evil, but he also builds the good, He does not care for his character who not careful as to his companions.

When a man is willing to go to heaven alone he must surely be mistaken as to his destination. You can know that a man has received free salvation by the fact that he gives

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT.

free service.

Boston Transcript: Those who brought the charges against Bishop Moreland of playing tennis ought not to have forgotten that the great Joseph used to serve in the courts of Pharaoh.

Milwaukee Journal: At the First Metho Pease will speak on the subject, "Hell: What is It? Who Gets There?" Seats free. Cordial invitations to all. Cincinnati Inquirer: Rev. Vandyke of

he should take a more hopeful view of the situation. Social revolutions do not necessarily involve havoc and disaster. At this stage of the world they may be wrought peaceful 'processes

Kansas City Star: A Missouri preacher has declared that hereafter he will tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth in delivering funeral sermons. It is suspected that this clergyman does no services, anyway. At least his calls, after this declaration, are likely to be few and not close together.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

Since the date of his coronation King Edward has ordered four barrels of Kentucky whisky. Admiration for the king's business sagacity grows as the dimensions of the royal thirst comes into view. Philadelphia is again striving to enferce

Sunday blue laws a century old. Any activities that disturb the slumbers of the Quakers should be suppressed with a strong club. Let the sleepy sleep on. It has been discovered that several New Yorkers sentenced to Sing Sing for sequestrating other people's money, failed to connect with the prison. Justice finds traveling mighty difficult on oiled roads. It cost a Chicago railroad man of sport ive disposition just \$75 to attempt a flirtation with a woman in New Orleans. The incident is an instructive illustration of Crescent City talent in separating visitors whose mother love Has brought me home above. saying that "every cloud has a silver lin- Crescent City talent in separating visiters from their money.

A Jerseyman possessing an uncommonly trustful nature applied to the health department of Newark for a permit to kill himself. He was advised to merge him melancholy and water his stock. Sure cure for the blues.

According to the decision of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, wemen sounded the praises of hard work, has clerks employed by the government have an inalienable right to exchange gossip, but they must not rush into print to dis-The long-distance kicking belt has been

necessary two-thirds in the senate, and other day said to them: "I hope you awarded to a Pennsylvania mule which scored a reach of 250 feet. The animal enand deavored to caress an officeseeker who women who have work to do, and do it!" promised to redeem all his pledges. This is all very well in its way, but such | Though a failure, the effort was heroic and The marvelous nerve and self-poise of

work in making them regard their toll as young America was strikingly shown by a blessed Every mature person of common girl of 16, who testified in a recent murder sense knows it to be true that work, es- case that she did not go to the room in pecially congenial work, is a thing to be which her father's body lay, but instead welcomed for many reasons other than the calmly watered the plants in the conservnonetary recompense President Eliot, who atory, ate her breakfast and performed s a worker, and Bishop Potter, who also other household duties unmoved and unworks, know this. With all due respect to vexed by the shadow of a crime. As a them, however, they and their kind do not sample of "fillal devotion" it will be fortunate if the country never hears of its like again

anything isn't right.

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DOMESTIC PLEASANTRIES.

Mrs. Featherly-I mean to get well, dec-tor. I am going to throw all my will power into the effort. Dr. Pompous—That will be vain and use-

Ascum-How are the plans for your new house coming along?
Subbubs—Splendidly. My wife has finally laid out all the closets she wants and now all the architect's got to do is to build the house around them.—Philadelphia Press.

"What can I preach about next Sunday that will please the entire congregation?" asked the new minister.
"Preach about the evils of riches," replied the old deacon. "There isn't a member of the congregation that is worth over \$2,000."—Chicago News.

"Why does Mrs. Dinamore hate Mr. Tem-pleton so relentlessly?" asked Hojack.
"He once alluded to her as a well pre-served woman, and some one reported it to her," replied Tomdik.—Detroit Free Press.

He-Will you marry me? She-No. He-Well, will you be a bridesmaid at the wedding when I marry Miss Wilkinson? I am going over to propose to her now.-Somerville Journal.

Shopper-I want to get a vase that doesn't cost too— Floorwalker—Yes, madam. Chinaware department, fourth alsle in the base-Second Shopper-Where did you say the vawees" are to be found? Floorwalker-Art depart Floorwalker-Art department, madam; second floor front.-Philadelphia Press.

"Yes, he proposed," Mirs Parsay conarms."
"Ah, now I see," exclaimed Miss Speitz.
"I wondered what your father meant today
when I hea," him teiling my father that
Mr. Huggins had an old head on young
shoulders."—Philadelphia Press.

POPE LEO'S LAST PRAYER.

As part of his own contribution to the celebration of his ninety-third birthday and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election as pope, Leo XIII wrote a Latin peem, which has been translated by Dr. William H. Ward for the current number of the Independent. It is explained that no attempt has been made to follow the metre of the original. The translation follows: Leo, now sets thy sun; pale is its dying ray; Black night succeeds thy day.

Black night for thee; wasted thy frame; life's flood sustains No more thy shrunken veins.

Death casts his fatal dart; robed for the Lie under the celd stones.

That is the goal she seeks; thither her journey fares; Grant, Lord, my anxious prayers.

That, with the citizens of Heaven, God's face and light May ever thrill my sight;

To thee, saved through the tangles of perilous way.
I lift my grateful lay.



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